- All gates shall be self-closing. In addition, if the gate is a pedestrian access gate, the gate shall open outward, away from the pool.
- All gates shall be self-latching, with the latch handle located within the barrier (i.e., on the pool side of the barrier) and at least 40 inches above grade. In addition, if the latch handle is located less than 54 inches from the bottom of the gate, the latch handle shall be located at least 3 inches below the top of the gate, and neither the gate nor the barrier shall have any opening greater than 0.5 inches within 18 inches of the latch handle

Pool Alarms are Required for All Pools Installed*

 All gates shall be securely locked with a key, combination or other child proof lock sufficient to prevent access to the swimming pool through such gate when the swimming pool is not in use or supervised.

The wall of a dwelling is permitted to serve as part of the barrier if:

• A swinging door and/or a sliding door in the wall shall be self-closing and self-latching or equipped with an alarm that meets the following standard UL2017.

SOME COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

- Not obtaining a pre-dig, pre-permit inspection.
- Not maintaining required pool barrier, e.g., removing batteries from required pool and entry alarms.
- Installing a pool in an easement without first having received the written permission of the easement holder.
- Installing in a swale designed for storm water run off.
- Using a pool before receiving a certification from an electrical inspection agency and the Town of Greece.
- Altering or filling at any existing draining swales or areas, without the approval of the Town of Greece Engineering Department and a Building Permit.
- Exceeding the allowed lot coverage of 33 percent.
- Designing/using a pool filter system that will create entrapment.



POOL SAFTEY TIPS

- There is no substitute for adequate supervision.
- Do not place objects near pool or pool barrier that would permit children to climb over.
- A clear view of the entire pool or spa from the house should be maintained by removing vegetation or other obstacles.
- When a pool is covered, cover it in conformance with the manufacturer's instruction and always immediately drain water that collects on the cover.
- Keep toys, particularly wheeled toys, outside of pool barrier.
- Store all chemicals properly.
- Post pool safety rules conspicuously for all users to see. Sample language is available from the National Spa and Pool Institute and American Red Cross.



Smoke & Carbon Monoxide detectors shall be installed in every dwelling as required by New York State Law.



Town of Greece Technical Services

William D. Reilich, Supervisor



RESIDENTIAL IN-GROUND POOLS

Permits are required for all structures permanent or temporary pools, spas, or hot tubs, having a depth of more than twenty four inches, to conform to the requirements of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention & Building Code.

ALL SWIMMING POOLS REQUIRE PERMITS

Town of Greece One Vince Tofany Blvd Greece, NY 14612

Phone: 585-723-2443 Fax: 585-723-2457

PERMITS

All Pool Heaters Require a Separate Permit

To obtain a permit for the Construction or erection of a new or replacement in-ground pool, you must provide the following information with the completed permit application form available at the Technical Services Department or online at www.greeceny.gov.

A. Tape Location or Instrument Survey Map

Copies of this map are often found with the papers you received at closing, or at the offices of the mortgage holder. Copies may be found at the Technical Services Department for some properties. Please call ahead to determine availability. You will also need to provide the following information:

- The pool dimensions and depth
- The pool location in relation to property lines and structures
- Overhead power lines and other services

B. To Obtain a Permit for an Existing Pool

It is not always possible for the Town of Greece to issue a permit for a pre-existing pool installation. The Town will perform a pre-dig, pre-permit inspection as the first step in the permitting process. Often, pre-existing pools that were installed without a permit or inspections do not conform to the building code or zoning ordinance, and must be removed or modified.

C. To Demolish an In-ground Pool

Demolition of an in-ground pool does require a permit. Persons demolishing (filling) in-ground pools are required to fracture the bottom of the pool before filling.

REQUIRED INSPECTIONS

A. Pre-dig, Pre-permit Inspection (In-ground Pools Only)

Call the Inspection Line at 723-1923 for the predig inspection when the excavation area has been marked/staked out on the site. This inspection is to ensure that the proposed location of the pool will not interfere with existing swales or storm drainage.

B. Electrical Inspections

The Town of Greece registers electrical inspection agencies to perform inspections of all electrical installations including pools. You should address any questions regarding the electrical component of the installation to the agency you have chosen to inspect the work.

Commonwealth Electrical Inspection Services 624-2380

New York Electrical Inspection Agency 436-4460

Middle Department Inspection Agency 454-5191

POOL ALARMS THAT COMPLY WITH ASTM F2208 ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL POOLS INSTALLED

C. Final Pool Inspection

An inspection is required upon the completion, and before the pool is put into use. You can request inspections by calling 723-1923. If the inspection performed by the Technical Services Department results in an approval, a Certificate of Compliance will either be e-mailed, mailed to the property owner or will be available for pickup at the front counter.

LOCATING AND INSTALLING A POOL

A. Setback to Property Lines

Swimming pools may be located in rear yards only, and conform to the setbacks established in the Town of Greece Zoning Ordinance. Generally, pools must be set back from side and rear lot lines in a dimension equal to or greater than 10 percent of the lot width, but not less than 6 feet, nor more than 10 feet. The proper location and setback for your lot can only be determined by reference to the Town of Greece Zoning District Map. This determination will be made at time of application.

B. Setback to Structures

Swimming pools, excluding hot tubs and spas, shall be at least 10 feet away from any structure on the same or adjacent property, except for pool decks. See the brochure on decks for more information.

A variance may be applied for any of the aforementioned setback requirements through application to the Town of Greece Board of Zoning Appeals. Call 723-2284.

C. Separation from Overhead Wire

The National Electric Code requires that all pools must be located at least 10 feet from overhead electrical wires.

D. Separation from Active Well or Private Waste Disposal System

All pools are required to be at least 15 feet away from the any active well or private waste disposal system, unless written relief is obtained from the Monroe County Health Department.

E. Filling and Excavating

Soil removal during the installation of a pool shall not be left on the property without a fill permit, except for that which is the minimum necessary to level the pool and pool side walkways. The pool or pool grading shall not interfere with or divert the flow of surface water, nor interfere in any other manner with the use and enjoyment of an adjacent property.

F. Drainage

There shall be no drainage of pool water to a sanitary sewer or onto an adjacent property.

POOL BARRIER

All Pool Barriers Require a Separate Permit

With the exception of above ground pools with restricted access and that have at least 48 inches between pool decking or adjoining grade and the pool top, all swimming pools shall be enclosed as set forth below:

- The barrier shall be at least 4 feet in height and a maximum clearance to grade of 2 inches.
- Horizontal openings between pickets on picket type barriers shall not exceed 4 inches.
- Where a chain link barrier is provided, the openings between links shall not exceed 2 ¹/₄ inches.
- Horizontal members less than 45 inches require a max spacing of 1 ³/₄ inches.
- Railings and barriers shall be sufficient to resist loads, as defined by the Residential Code of New York State.